



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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September 14, 2007

Governor Jim Doyle  
P.O. Box 7863  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Governor Doyle:

As you know, the City of Milwaukee is very committed to Wisconsin's adoption of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. The Compact is critical to the protection and management of the Great Lakes.

While we have been active participants in the Legislative Council Special Committee chaired by Senator Neal Kedzie, we agree with the decision to adjourn the Committee. We remain steadfast in our belief, however, that Wisconsin must move forward to ratify the Compact.

Your leadership on this matter is very much appreciated. As Chair of the Great Lakes Governor's Association when the Compact was adopted, you understand the importance of this issue as well as anyone. The Great Lakes Compact provides clear decision making standards and a fair and open process for applications for diversion of water outside the Great Lakes basin. The Compact requires the review of such applications be conducted in a consistent and public manner, and ensures protection of the state's most valuable natural resources – Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. Without the Compact in place, administrative decisions on water diversions are made, at best, in an ad hoc manner, and often with only narrow, myopic interests in mind.

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As you know, other states are making progress in ratifying the Compact or in moving draft legislation forward. It is time for the State of Wisconsin to make this a priority, and your leadership can be the difference in securing approval of this landmark agreement. The City of Milwaukee remains committed to this issue and will continue to work with you and your staff to pass the Great Lakes Compact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Barrett  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

cc: Todd Ambs  
Pat Henderson  
Jon Richards